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SUBJ: PEKING SEEKING OIL TECHNOLOGY FROM THIRD WORLD?

SUMMARY: AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE RECENT OIL DELEGATION'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA, MEXICO AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TANG KE'S PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE OIL INDUSTRY TECHNICIANS WITH TRINIDAD, AND POSSIBLE PRC INTEREST IN A PROPOSED MACAO REFINERY, SUGGEST AN EFFORT TO SEEK OIL TECHNOLOGY FROM THE THIRD WORLD. STATIONING OF CHINESE OIL TECHNICIANS IN THE CARRIBEAN COULD INCIDENTIALLY, PROVIDE ANOTHER ROUTE FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO REACH PRC END USERS.

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END SUMMARY

1. THE PRC IS APPARENTLY NOW ACTIVELY SEEKING TO IMPROVE ITS ACCESS TO PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY FROM THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. CLOSER IDENTIFICATION WITH THIRD WORLD PETROLEUM SECTORS HAS OBVIOUS IDEOLOGICAL MERIT, BUT IT ALSO OFFERS THE POTENTIAL FOR ACQUIRING INDIRECTLY, FOREIGN TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CHINESE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY. FOR EXAMPLE, REPORTED PRC INTEREST IN A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A PETROLEUM REFINERY IN MACAO IS THOUGHT TO SETEM, AMONG SEVERAL OTHER REASONS, FROM AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN PRC PETROLEUM WORKERS IN THE LATEST FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY, WHILE NOT OPENLY ADMITTING THE SITUATION BY SENDING CHINESE ABROAD IN LARGE NUMBERS, NOR BRINGING IN FOREIGN TECHNICIANS (1974 HONG KONG 10147 AND 10163).

2. THE "OIL DELEGATION" (NCNA ATTRIBUTION) TO VENEZUELA, MEXICO, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO -- ALL ON- AND OFF-SHORE PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES -- ALSO SEEMS TO HAVE HAD ACQUISITION OF OIL INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY AS ONE OF ITS PURPOSES. IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (T&T), TANG KE, VM FUEL AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND DELEGATION LEADER, CONVERSED WITH HIGH OFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT OIL EXPERTS, AND VISITED THE STATE-OWNED T&T OIL COMPANY, LTD. REFINERY (TAKEN OVER FROM ANGLO-DUTCH SHELL LAST YEAR) (NCNA). ACCORDING TO AN AFP REPORT, TANG RAISED THE QUESTION THERE OF EXCHANGING OIL INDUSTRY TECHNICIANS. T&T INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTER, ERROL MAHABIR, COMMENTED THAT THE TWO OIL INDUSTRIES COULD LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER. "OBSERVERS" THERE BELIEVE THE PROPOSAL HAS A MORE THAN EVEN CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTED. (AFP). THE TOPIC WILL PROBABLY BE PURSUED FURTHER DURING T&T PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS TRIP TO CHINA LATER THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF "FUNCTIONAL " OFFICES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR A T&T TRADE MISSION TO CHINA, BOTH FIRST PROPOSED DURING WILLIAMS' NOVEMBER 1974 VISIT TO PEKING (ER 23).

3. IN MEXICO, TANG SPENT TWENTY DAYS VISITING OILFIELDS, REFINERIES AND PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS. HE PRAISED "MEXICO'S OIL POLICY AND REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT" IN DEFENDING ITS
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NATURAL RESOURCES (UPI). GIVEN HIS ACTIONS IN T&T, AND THE NATURE OF HIS TRAVELS IN MEXICO, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT ACQUISITION OF MEXICAN PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF HIS TRIP THERE. THOUGH HE VISITED VENEZUELA, THE COOL RECEPTION HE RECEIVED WHEN OPENING A CHINESE EXHIBITION AND LACK OF REFERENCE TO EXTENSIVE PETROLEUM RELATED SITE VISITS (ER 25) SUGGESTS THAT THE PRC WILL NOT BE ACQUIRING MUCH VENEZUELAN OIL

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTLY IN THE FUTURE.

4. STATIONING OF PRC PETROEUM PERSONNEL (WHO PRESUMABLY WOULD REPRESENT END-USERS OF IMPORTED EQUIPMENT) IN THE CARIBBEAN COULD ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO ACQUAINT THE TECHNICIANS WITH AMERICAN PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT AS THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE EXPORTS TO THE PRC.

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